

1 to handle it all. It's just -- it's a real puzzle.

2 Most everything else has been covered by all you folks.

3 The danger for children is a big worry for us.

4 We have great-grandkids who come up. And what's going  
5 to happen when these little grandkids accidentally go on  
6 that 89. It's scary, very scary.

7 Okay. Let's see. The jake brakes, the  
8 shifting of all the trucks, all that noise, I think, is  
9 really going to damage the motel business, and we are a  
10 tourist town.

11 We have 13 or 14 little motels in town besides  
12 bed and breakfasts, and it's -- it's a tourist town.

13 And it's enjoyed by everybody. It's so  
14 beautiful. It's -- we want to keep it that way.

15 Thank you.

16 MR. DRUMMOND: My name is Jerry Drummond,  
17 D-r-u-m-m-o-n-d. I operate a small lodge up on  
18 Highway 89, just south of Highway 12.

19 We cater to park visitors and fly fishermen.  
20 As far as fly-fishing goes, I've fished all over the  
21 country. I've been in states where you can't even get  
22 in the waters because they're condemned today.

23 I'm very nervous.

24 Other parts of the world, as you might know or  
25 might not, there aren't any fish in the waters anymore

1 trucks and the traffic, the noise and the dust and the  
2 dirt, you can bet the travel professionals will not  
3 endorse this area. And it's such a beautiful area.

4 And the people that we have met in this area,  
5 the businesses, I think it's justly unfair to the common  
6 man to do this.

7 MR. JOHNSON: My name is Jim Johnson. I live  
8 in Kanab. I want to address this trucking business a  
9 little bit. Chance Corporation travels through Kanab  
10 from Page, Arizona to Las Vegas, Nevada, 24/7.

11 They come up over a high grade at the north  
12 end of the Kaibab. They travel through Hurricane, stop  
13 in the middle of Hurricane, a busy part of the section  
14 of town, travel past the elementary school.

15 We thought the same thing as the people of  
16 Panguitch. I can say that we've had no problems with  
17 them traveling through Kanab, like I say, 24/7.

18 I would do work at a local motel there. And I  
19 do know that we turn away people practically nightly,  
20 tourism.

21 Thank you.

22 MR. MCMAHAN: My name is Peter McMahan as well  
23 as my wife. She mentioned some of the economic impact.  
24 I worked for the Federal Government for 31 1/2 years,  
25 including eight years with the national parks.

1 because they abused them. At least, we've taken the  
2 efforts to try and calm that a bit.

3 As far as the park visitors go, probably  
4 80 percent or more of our visitors are park visitors.  
5 They come here for the reasons you've heard, because of  
6 the skies, the quietness. They comment over and over  
7 again. They come back over and over again.

8 They come from Internet advertising. They  
9 come from travel agencies. I've spoken to a few of our  
10 travel agencies that bring people to our area. And they  
11 have basically said that when they get a bad report,  
12 they stop recommending.

13 So, thank you.

14 MS. ALLISON: My name is Carol Allison. I  
15 live in Panguitch off of Highway 89 just south of 12. I  
16 agree with most of the comments that have been made  
17 here.

18 My husband and I purchased our property  
19 because we so enjoyed the beauty of this area. And just  
20 driving up here today, I could not imagine what is going  
21 to happen to this area and what is going to happen to  
22 your tourism.

23 And, as Mr. Drummond said, as being a travel  
24 professional, I can tell you he's right. And when the  
25 word gets out about this area and about the coal mine

1 During the late '70s and early '80s at Mesa  
2 Verde National Park, they did a visibility study, of  
3 which I was a part, viewing the changes that were  
4 apparently going on in the Four Corners area.

5 And when the conclusion of that study came  
6 out, it was determined that visibility had significantly  
7 decreased directly related to coal projects, the power  
8 plants and others, and some of the -- the negative  
9 impact that was felt by that region. This is a -- a  
10 matter of public record.

11 I also have a degree, one of my degree's in  
12 biology. I can tell you that with wildlife migrations,  
13 as they instinctively cross the highway -- and having  
14 also worked in Everglades National Park and seeing these  
15 migrations, I can also add very distinctly with studies  
16 that I've participated in, that the wildlife will be  
17 very negatively impacted, especially with the number of  
18 trucks more significantly than what this gentleman  
19 pointed out that would be seen on the highway.

20 Thank you.

21 MR. HEATON: Hi. I'm Ron Heaton from Cedar  
22 City, Utah. I made comments. I'd just like to talk  
23 about the employment possibilities.

24 There are some significant problems with  
25 transportation that need to be addressed, but one of the